(b) ONGC has done a preliminary evaluation of the project in accordance with the established parameters.

(c) The proposed capacity of the joint venture project is—

Paraxylene	275,000 TPA
Orthoxylene	55,000 TPA
Benzene	300,000 TPA

(d) ONGC has the capability to execute the project. In order to diversify its areas of operation to provide a source of stable revenue generation. ONGC has submitted a proposal for setting up a petrochemical project.

(e) There is an established procedure for granting approvals for such projects which will be followed in this case also.

Allocation of Funds for the States of North Eastern Region

*566. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the States of North Eastern Region during the current Five Year Plan period State-wise;

(b) whether the allocation to these States is less than that of other developed States in the country; and

(c) whether the funds allotted to North East Council have been deducted from the allotted funds of the concerned States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The North Eastern States are categorised as special category States and are being given special dispensation in allocation of Central Assistance. As a result, per capita allocation of Central Assistance during the Eighth Plan period of the North Eastern States is relatively higher than that of non special category States. The details of gross as well as per capita Central Assistance for North Eastern and other States is at Annexure-I. (*See* Appendix 178, Annexure No. 92)

(c) No Sir. Funds allocated to the North Eastern Council are in addition to the plan assistance given to the North Eastern States.

Extension of 66 KV line in Kolar District

*567. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has urged the Central Government to convert the existing 66 KV line into 200 KV line in Kolar district to help famine-hit farmers in getting proper power supply for their irrigation pumpsets; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES: (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

बंजरभूमि विकास में निजी क्षेत्र का सहयोग

568. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा:

क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या वाणिज्य उद्योग मंडल में बंजरभूमि विकास हेतु गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र को शामिल करने की मांग की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उन्होंने यह सुझाव दिया है कि भूमि का आवंटन दीर्घावधिक पट्टे पर किया जाए ताकि बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए इसे कृषि योग्य बनाया जा सके;

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश वाणिज्य उद्योग मंडल ने कितने सुझाव दिए हैं;

(घ) सरकार इन सुझावों को क्रियान्वित करने के लिए कहां तक सहमत हुई है;

(ङ) अब तक क्रियान्वित किए गए सुझावों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(च) शेष सुझावों को स्वीकार न किए जाने के क्या कारण है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री वाई॰के॰ नायडू): (क) जी हां, पी॰एच॰डी॰ वाणिज्य उद्योग मंडल ने बंजरभूमि विकास हेतु निजी क्षेत्र को शामिल करने के लिए कदम उठाये है।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश वाणिज्य उद्योग मंडल से अभी तक कोई सुझाव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(घ) से (च) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Central Grant Under Rural Sanitation Programme in Karnataka

*569. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government has launched a massive campaign for construction of household laterines in rural areas and have incurred as expenditure of Rs. 16.82 crores;

(b) whether the matching grant under the Centrally sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme has been released; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is proposed to be released?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI YERRAN NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Karnataka is reported to have released Rs. 16.92 crore during the year 1995-96 for construction of household latrines out of the State's own resources.

(b) the details of Central assistance provided by the Government of India to the State Government of Karnataka under centrally sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) during VIII Five Year Plan were as under:

Year	Amout released (Rupees in Lakhs)
1992-93	90.15
1993-94	127.78
1994-95	256.00
1995-96	1156.72
1996-97 (upto July, 1996)	141.09
TOTAL	1771.74

(c) Outlays of Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) are allocated to various States in accordance with fixed criteria, taking into account incidence of poverty, rural population and difficult areas. The States have to necessarily provide matching contribution under their Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) against Central releases of funds under the CRSP. The States are, however, free to provide more than the required matching contribution under their MNP to widen the coverage as well as to increase the pace of implementation of the rural sanitation programme.

Raid on the Premises of Former Communications Minister

*570A SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis on which the C.B.I. raided the residential premises of the former Communications Minister, Shri Sukh Ram in New Delhi and in Mandi town of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) what are the reasons for not raiding his other houses in Mandi and in Ghaziabad simultaneously;

(c) whether it is a fact that news of the raid at the house in Mandi was leaked out to enable his son to flee the premises with important documents; and